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THE BLACK ROBE.

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"THE WOMAN IN WHITE," "THE MOONSTONE," "AFTER DARK," "NO NAME," "MAN AND WIFE," "THE LAW AND THE LADY," "THE NEW MAGDALEN," ETC., ETC.

CHAPTER II.—THE QUESTION OF MARRIAGE.

As Stella answered Lady Loring she was smartly tapped on the shoulder by an eager guest with a fan.

The guest was a very little woman, with twinkling eyes and a perpetual smile. Nature, corrected by powder and paint, was liberally displayed in her arms, her bosom, and the upper part of her back. Such clothes as she wore, defective perhaps in quantity, were in quality absolutely perfect. Move adorable color, shape and workmanship never appeared, even in a milliner's picture book. Her light hair was dressed with a fringe and ringlets, on the pattern which the portraits of the time of Charles the Second have made familiar to us. There was nothing exactly young or exactly old about her, except her voice, which betrayed a faint hoarseness, attributable, possibly, to exhaustion, produced by untold years of incessant talking. It might be added that she was as active as a squirrel, and as playful as a kitten. But the lady must be treated with a certain forbearance of tone, for this good reason—she was Stella's mother.

Stella turned quickly at the tap of the fan. "Mamma!" she exclaimed, "how you startle me!"

"My dear child," said Mrs. Eyrecourt, "you are constitutionally indolent, and you want startling. Go into the next room directly; Mr. Romayne is looking for you."

Stella drew back a step and eyed her mother in blank surprise. "Is it possible that you know him?" she asked.

"Mr. Romayne doesn't go into society, or we should have met long since," Mrs. Eyrecourt replied. "He is a striking person, and I noticed him when he shook hands with you. That was quite enough for me. I have just introduced myself to him as your mother. He was a little—stately and stiff, but most charming when he knew who I was. I volunteered to find you. He was quite astonished. I think he took me for your elder sister. Not the least like each other—are we Lady Loring? She takes after her poor, dear father. He was constitutionally indolent. My sweet child, rouse yourself. You have drawn a prize in the great lottery at last. If ever a man was in love Mr. Romayne is that man. I am a physiognomist, Lady Loring, and I see the passions in the face. Oh, Stella, what a property. Vange Abbey. I once drove that way when I was visiting in the neighborhood. Superb. And another fortune (eight thousand a year and a villa at Highgate) since the death of his aunt. And my daughter may be mistress of this, if she only plays her cards properly. What a compensation, after all that we suffered through that monster, Winterfield!"

"Mamma! Pray don't—"

"Stella I will not be interrupted when I am speaking to you for your own good. I don't know a more provoking person, Lady Loring, than my daughter—on certain occasions. And yet I love her. I would go through fire and water for my beautiful child. Only last week I was at a wedding, and I thought of Stella. The church crammed to the doors. A hundred at the wedding-breakfast. The bride's lace—there! no language can describe it. Ten bridemaids in blue and silver. Reminded me of the ten virgins. Only the proportion of foolish ones, this time, was certainly more than five. However, they looked well. The archbishop proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom. So sweetly pathetic. Some of us cried. I thought of my daughter. Oh, if I could live to see Stella the central attraction, so to speak, of such a wedding as that! Only I would have twelve bridemaids at least, and beat the blue and silver with green and gold. Trying to the complexion, you will say. But there are artificial improvements. At least I am told so. What a house this would be—a broad hint, isn't it, dear Lady Loring?—what a house for a wedding, with the drawing-room to assemble in and the picture-gallery for the breakfast. I know the archbishop. My darling, he shall marry you. Why don't you go into the next room? Ah, that constitutional indolence. If you only had my energy, as I used to say to your poor father. Will you go? Yes, dear Lady Loring, I should like a glass of champagne and another of those delicious chicken sandwiches. If you don't go, Stella, I shall forget every consideration of propriety, and, big as you are, I shall push you out."

Stella yielded to necessity.

"Keep her quiet if you can," she whispered to Lady Loring, in the moment of silence that followed. Even Mrs. Eyrecourt was not able to talk while she was drinking champagne.

In the next room Stella found Romayne. He looked careworn and irritable, but brightened directly when she approached him.

"My mother has been speaking to you," she said. "I am afraid—"

He stopped her there.

"She is your mother," he interposed, kindly. "Don't think that I am ungrateful enough to forget that."

She took his arm, and looked at him with all her heart in her eyes.

"Come into a quieter room," she whispered. Romayne led her away. Neither of them noticed Penrose as they left the room. He had not moved since Stella had spoken to him. There he remained in his corner, absorbed in thought—and not in happy thought, as his face would have plainly betrayed to any one who had cared to look at him. His eyes sadly followed the retiring figures of Stella and Romayne. The color rose on his haggard face. Like most men who are accustomed to live alone he had the habit, when he was strongly excited, of speaking to himself. "No," he said, as the acknowledged lovers disappeared through the door, "it is an insult to ask me to do it!" He turned the other way, escaped Lady Loring's notice in the reception-room, and left the house.

Romayne and Stella passed through the card-room and the chess-room, turned into a corridor and entered the conservatory.

For the first time the place was a solitude. The air of a newly-invented dance, faintly audible through the open windows of the ballroom above, had proved an irresistible temptation. Those who knew the dance were eager to exhibit themselves. Those who had only heard of it were equally anxious to look on and learn. Even toward the latter end of the nineteenth century the youths and maidens of society can still be in earnest—when the object in view is a new dance.

What would Major Hynd have said if he had seen Romayne turn into one of the recesses of the conservatory, in which there was a seat which just held two? But the major had forgotten his years and his family; he, too, was one of the spectators in the ballroom.

"I wonder," said Stella, "whether you know how I feel those kinds words of yours, when you spoke of my mother. Shall I tell you?"

She put her arm round his neck and kissed him. He was a man new to love, in the nobler sense of the word. The exquisite softness in the touch of her lips, the delicious fragrance of her breath, intoxicated him. Again and again he returned the kiss. She drew back; she recovered her self-possession with a suddenness and certainty incomprehensible to a man. From the depths of tenderness she passed to the shallows of frivolity. In her own defense she was almost as superficial as her mother, in less than a moment.

"What would Mr. Penrose say if he saw you?" she whispered.

"Why do you speak of Penrose? Have you seen him to-night?"

"Yes—looking sadly out of his element, poor man. I did my best to set him at his ease—because I know you like him."

"Dear Stella!"

"No, not again! I am speaking seriously, now. Mr. Penrose looked at me with a strange kind of interest—I can't describe it. Have you taken him into our confidence?"

"He is so devoted—he has such a true interest in me," said Romayne—"I really felt ashamed to treat him like a stranger. On our journey to London I did own that it was your charming letter which had decided me on returning. I did say, 'I must tell her myself how well she has understood me, and how deeply I feel her kindness. Penrose took my hand in his gentle, considerate way. 'I understand you, too,' he said, and that was all that passed between us."

"Nothing more since that time?"

"Nothing."

"Not a word of what we said to each other when we were alone last week in the picture-gallery?"

"Not a word. I am self-tormentor enough to distrust myself, even now. God knows, I have concealed nothing from you, and yet—. Am I not selfishly thinking of my own happiness, Stella, when I ought to be thinking only of you? You know, my angel, with what a life you must associate yourself if you marry me. Are you really sure that you have love enough and courage enough to be my wife?"

She rested her head caressingly on his shoulder, and looked up at him with her charming smile.

"How many times must I say it" she asked, "before you will believe me? Once more, I have love enough to be your wife; and I knew it, Lewis, the first time I saw you! Will that confession satisfy your scruples? And will you promise never again to doubt yourself or me?"

Romayne promised and sealed the promise—unresisted this time—with a kiss. "When are we to be married?" he whispered.

She lifted her head from his shoulder with a sigh. "If I am to answer you honestly," she replied, "I must speak of my mother before I speak of myself."

Romayne submitted to the duties of his new position as well as he understood them.

"Do you mean that you have told your mother of our engagement?" he said. "In that case is it my duty or yours—I am very ignorant in these matters—to consult her wishes? My own idea is, that I ought to ask her if she approves of me as her son-in-law, and that you might then speak to her of the marriage."

Stella thought of Romayne's tastes, all in favor of modest retirement, and of her mother's tastes, all in favor of ostentation and display. She frankly owned the result produced in her own mind.

"I am afraid to consult my mother about our marriage," she said.

Romayne looked astonished. "Do you think Mrs. Eyrecourt will disapprove of it?" he asked.

Stella was equally astonished on her side. "Disapprove of it?" she repeated, "I know for certain that my mother will be delighted."

"Then where is the difficulty?"

There was but one way of answering that question. Stella boldly described her mother's idea of a wedding—including the archbishop, the twelve bridemaids in green and gold, and the hundred guests at breakfast in Lord Loring's picture-gallery. Romayne's consternation literally deprived him for the moment of the power of speech. To say that he looked at Stella as a prisoner in "the condemned cell" might have looked at the sheriff, announcing the morning of his execution, would be to do injustice to the prisoner. He receives his shock without flinching; and, in proof of his composure, celebrates his wedding with the gallows by a breakfast which he will not live to digest.

"If you think as your mother does," Romayne began, as soon as he had recovered his self-possession, "no opinion of mine shall stand in the way—." He could get no further. His vivid imagination saw the archbishops and the bridemaids, heard the hundred guests and their dreadful speeches; his voice faltered, in spite of himself.

Stella eagerly relieved him. "My darling, I don't think as my mother does," she interposed, tenderly. "I am sorry to say we have very few sympathies in common. Marriages, as I think, ought to be celebrated as privately as possible—the near and dear relations present and no one else. If there must be rejoicings and banquets, and hundreds of invitations, let them come when the wedded pair are at home after the honeymoon, beginning life in earnest. These are odd ideas for a woman to have—but they are my ideas, for all that."

Romayne's face brightened. "How few women possess your fine sense and your delicacy of feeling!" he exclaimed. "Surely, your mother must give way when she hears we are both of one mind about our marriage."

Stella knew her mother too well to share the opinion thus expressed. Mrs. Eyrecourt's capacity for holding to her own little ideas and for persisting (where her social interests were concerned) in trying to insinuate those ideas into the minds of other persons, was a capacity which no resistance, short of absolute brutality, could overcome. She was perfectly capable of worrying Romayne (as well as her daughter) to the utmost limits of human endurance, in the firm conviction that she was bound to convert all heretics of their way of thinking to the orthodox way in the matter of weddings. Putting this view of the case in all possible delicacy, in speaking of her mother, Stella expressed herself plainly enough, nevertheless, to enlighten Romayne.

He made another suggestion.

"Can we marry privately," he said, "and tell Mrs. Eyrecourt of it afterward?"

This essentially masculine solution of the difficulty was at once rejected. Stella was too good a daughter to suffer her mother to be treated with even the appearance of disrespect.

"Oh," she said, "think how mortified and distressed my mother would be? She must be present at my marriage."

An idea of a compromise occurred to Romayne.

"What do you say," he proposed, "to arranging for the marriage privately, and then telling Mrs. Eyrecourt only a day or two beforehand, when it would be too late to send out invitations? If your mother would be disappointed—"

"She would be angry," Stella interposed.

"Very well, lay all the blame on me. Besides, there might be two other persons present, whom I am sure Mrs. Eyrecourt is always glad to meet. You don't object to Lord and Lady Loring"

"Object? I wouldn't be without them at my wedding for the whole world."

"Any one else, Stella?"

"Any one, Lewis, whom you like."

"Then I say no one else. My own love! When may it be? My lawyer can get the settlements ready in a fortnight, or less. Will you say in a fortnight?"

His arm was round her waist; his lips were touching her lovely neck. She was not a woman to take refuge in the commonplace coquetries of the sex.

"Yes," she said, softly, "if you wish it." She rose and withdrew herself from him. "For my sake, we must not be here together any longer, Lewis." As she spoke, the music in the ballroom ceased. Stella ran out of the conservatory.

The first person she encountered on returning to the reception-room was Father Benwell.

CHAPTER III.—THE END OF THE BALL.

The priest's long journey did not appear to have fatigued him. He was as cheerful and as polite as ever, and as paternally attentive to Stella that it was quite impossible for her to pass him with a formal bow.

"I have come all the way from Devonshire," he said. "The train has been behind time, as usual, and I am one of the late arrivals in consequence. I miss some familiar faces at this delightful party. Mr. Romayne, for instance. Perhaps he is not one of the guests?"

"Oh, yes."

"Has he gone away?"

"Not that I know of."

The tone of her replies warned Father Benwell to let Romayne be. He tried another name.

"And Arthur Penrose?" he inquired next.

"I think Mr. Penrose has left us."

As she answered she looked toward Lady Loring. The hostess was the center of a circle of ladies and gentlemen. Before she was at liberty Father Benwell might take his departure. Stella resolved to make the attempt for herself which she had asked Lady Loring to make for her. It was better to try and be defeated than not to try at all.

"I asked Mr. Penrose what part of Devonshire you were visiting," she resumed, assuming her more gracious manner. "I know something myself of the north coast, especially the neighborhood of Clovelly."

Not the faintest change passed over the priest's face; his fatherly smile had never been in a better state of preservation.

"Isn't it a charming place?" he said, with enthusiasm. "Clovelly is the most remarkable and most beautiful village in England. I have so enjoyed my little holiday—excursions by sea and excursions by land—do you know, I feel quite young again?"

He lifted his eyebrows playfully and rubbed his plump hands one over the other with such an intolerably innocent air of enjoyment that Stella positively hated him. She felt her capacity for self-restraint failing her. Under the influence of strong emotion her thoughts lost their customary discipline. In attempting to fathom Father Benwell, she was conscious of having undertaken a task which required more pliable moral qualities than she possessed. To her own unutterable annoyance she was at a loss what to say next. At that critical moment her mother appeared—eager for news of the conquest of Romayne.

"My dear child, how pale you look!" said Mrs. Eyrecourt. "Come with me, directly; you must have a glass of wine."

This dexterous device for entrapping Stella into a private conversation failed.

"Not now, mamma, thank you," she said.

Father Benwell, on the point of discreetly withdrawing, stopped, and looked at Mrs. Eyrecourt with an appearance of respectful interest. "Your mother?" he said to Stella, "I should feel honored if you will introduce me."

Having (not very willingly) performed the ceremony of presentation, Stella drew back a little. She had no desire to take any part in the conversation that might follow—but she had her own reasons for waiting near enough to hear it.

In the meanwhile Mrs. Eyrecourt turned on her inexhaustible flow of small talk, with her customary facility. No distinction of persons troubled her; no convictions of any sort stood in her way.

"Delighted to make your acquaintance, Father Benwell. Surely, I met you at that delightful evening at the duke's? I mean when we welcomed the cardinal back from Rome. Dear old man—if one may speak so familiarly of the prince of the church—how charmingly he bears his new honors. Such patriarchal simplicity, as every one remarked. Have you seen him lately?"

"Poor priests like me, madam, see but little of princes of the church in the houses of dukes." Saying this with the most becoming humility, he turned the talk in a more productive direction, before Mrs. Eyrecourt could proceed with her recollections of "the evening at the duke's."

"Your charming daughter and I have been talking about Clovelly," he continued. "I have just been spending a little holiday in that delightful place. It was a surprise to me, Mrs. Eyrecourt, to see so many really beautiful country seats in the neighborhood. I was particularly struck—you know it, of course?—by Beaupark house."

Mrs. Eyrecourt's little twinkling eyes suddenly became still and steady. It was only for a moment. But even that trifling change boded ill for the purpose which the priest had in view.

Having the opportunity of turning Stella's mother into a valuable source of information actually placed in his hands, Father Benwell reasoned with himself as he had reasoned at Miss Notman's tea-table. A frivolous person was a person easily persuaded to gossip, and not likely to be reticent in keeping secrets. In drawing this conclusion the reverend father was justified by every wise man's experience of human nature but he forgot to make allowances for the modifying influence of circumstances. Even the wits of a fool can be quickened by contact with the world. For many years Mrs. Eyrecourt had held her place in society, acting under an intensely selfish sense of her own interests, fortified by those cunning instincts which grow best in a barren intellect. Perfectly unworthy of being trusted with secrets which only concerned other people, this frivolous creature could be the unassailable guardian of secrets which concerned herself. The instant the priest referred indirectly to Winterfield, by speaking of Beaupark house, her instincts warned her, as if in words: "Be careful for Stella's sake!"

"Oh, yes!" said Mrs. Eyrecourt. "I know Beaupark house; but—may I make a confession?" she added, with her sweetest smile.

Father Benwell caught her tone with his customary tact. "A confession at a ball is a novelty, even in my experience," he answered, with his sweetest smile.

"How good of you to encourage me!" proceeded Mrs. Eyrecourt. "No, thank you; I don't want to sit down. My confession won't take long, and I really must give that poor, pale daughter of mine a glass of wine. A student of human nature like you—they say all priests are students of human nature—accustomed, of course, to be consulted in difficulties, and to hear real confessions, must know that we poor women are sadly subject to whims and caprices. We can't resist them as men do; and the dear, good men generally make allowances for us. Well, do you know, that place of Mr. Winterfield's is one of my caprices. Oh, dear, I speak carelessly; I ought to have said, the place represents one of my caprices. In short, Father Benwell, Beaupark house is perfectly odious to me, and I think Clovelly the most over-rated place in the world. I haven't the least reason to give, but so it is. Excessively foolish of me. It's like hysterics; I can't help it. I'm sure you will forgive me. There isn't a place on the habitable globe that I am not ready to feel interested in, except detestable Devonshire. I am so sorry you went there. The next time you have a holiday, take my advice; try the Continent."

"I should like it of all things," said Father Benwell, "only I don't speak French. Allow me to get Miss Eyrecourt a glass of wine."

He spoke with the most perfect temper and tranquillity. Having paid his little attention to Stella, and having relieved her of the empty glass, he took his leave, with a parting request thoroughly characteristic of the man.

"Are you staying in town, Mrs. Eyrecourt?" he asked.

"Oh, of course, at the height of the season!"

"May I have the honor of calling on you, and talking a little more about the Continent?"

If he had said it in so many words he could scarcely have informed Mrs. Eyrecourt more plainly that he thoroughly understood her, and that he meant to try again. Strong in the worldly training of half a lifetime, she at once informed him of her address, with the complimentary phrases proper to the occasion. "Five o'clock tea on Wednesdays, Father Benwell. Don't forget!"

The moment he was gone she drew her daughter into a quiet corner.

"Don't be frightened, Stella. That sly old person has some interest in trying to find out about Winterfield. Do you know why?"

[To be continued.]

AUSTRALIAN BRUMBIES.

The mustang of the American continent has its counterpart in the "brumbie" of Australia, large herds of which ixist in the interior parts of Queensland and New South Wales. These animals are so numerous that they have often been destroyed and boiled down for the sake of their tallow and hides; and in some of the newly settled districts, they swarm in such numbers that the squatters hrve to protect themselves and their pasturage against their inroad. Brumbie stalking is a recognized pastime, the destruction of the wild horses being as necessary as the destruction of kangaroos or rabbits. The sport of capturing and taming these animals, however, has attracted a good many adventurous spirits, who adopt tactics somewhat similar to those adopted by the inhabitants of Mexico and South America. The hardness and strength and size of these brumbies are remarkable, and when trained, thyy are of considerable value. Their progeny when crsed with European horses, possesses excellent qualities. It s recorded that in one year no less than 7000 wild horses have been shot on a single station in New South Wales,

WRECKED AT SEA.

CANNABALAISM ADDED TO THE HORRORS.

The Quebec *Chronicle* of the publishes details of harrowing scenes of the suffering and death of a wrecked crew off Newfoundland, derived from a letter received there at the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The letter is dated the 3d of January, but owing to the difficulty of communication between Newfoundland and Quebec in winter, was only received recently.

The name of the wrecked vessel is the Normanton, of St. John, N. B. She was a timber-laden ship of eighteen hands, loaded at Miramichi, and owned by Stewart & Co., Thomas Johnston, captain. The scene of the wreck is off Snake's Bight, about ten miles west of Cape Anguila. The exact date of the wreck is not recorded. It was in a severe gale, and about ten miles west of Cape George, that the ship got on her beam ends. The crew cut away the masts in the hope that the vessel would right herself. But instead of doing so, she kept driving in the bay, and when they found her nearing the land they let go the anchor in fifteen fathoms of water. As the ship righted, they got out two boats and manned them, one with nine and the other with ten men. One of the boats went down with all hands close to the vessel. The other got clear of the ship and made direct for shore. It was soon upset, however, in the heavy sea, one man being drowned and everything in the boat lost. The eight survivors succeeded in righting her again, and partly bailed out the boat, using their boots to bail with. Before reaching the shore she again upset, and the same hardships were again experienced before she was righted. A colored man, who was one of the survivors, died immediately upon reaching the shore. The others got upon the bank, where some of the number died from exhaustion, cold and fatigue.

The remainder took to the woods where the only survivors of the crew wandered for nine days without a morsel of any kind of food whatever. They managed to sustain life by eating the tender boughs of trees. At the end of that period they were found by people belonging to the highlands, and taken to their homes very badly frozen and exhausted by cold and hunger. In the midst of their own misfortunes their thoughts reverted to their late companions, and their first desire after having found refuge and safety themselves was the assistance of their missing comrades. A party of men was at once formed and set out in search of the lost. After some time Capt. Johnston was found alive, but badly frozen, with a dead man lying beside him. The captain's sanity had almost escaped him, and for some time he expressed great alarm at the sight of the party who had come to his relief. They procured some refreshments, and after drinking a little warm tea he became apparently reconciled to the surroundings, but the cold and hunger had done their work, and a few hours later death relieved him of his sufferings. The party of searchers, however, were yet to see things still more terrible than any so far witnessed by them. Proceeding on their way they came across the body of another man, from whose arms and body portions of the flesh had been cut with a knife. There was no longer any room for doubting the facts. The pangs of hunger in some of the survivors had overcome the scruples of humanity, and the fearful scene of cannibalism incidental to many another wreck had been repeated in the present instance. Two or three members of the unfortunate crew still remain to be accounted for.

AN EX-PREMIER.

HOW LORD BEACONSFIELD ENDURES RETIREMENT.

Lord Beaconsfield may be out of office, but he will never be out of the English mind as it is represented by the polite classes. His lordship is the Thackeray of politics, whereas Mr. Gladstone is the Dickens. There has always been a sort of piquant aroma about the words and actions of the Mr. Disraeli of old days, peculiarly acceptable to the palate of the educated classes. They have not been understanded by the vulgar, just as the novels of St. Barbe were not understanded, but they have been relished immensely by those cultivated up to the necessary point. Mr. Gladstone, on the other hand, has been like Dickens, the man for the million. Every one has heard of the People's William; but who ever heard of the Peoples Ben? Society has gone for Lord Beaconsfield, just as it has gone against Mr. Gladstone; and what society has done always it is doing more than ever just now. Lord Beaconsfield professes to consider himself as occupying much the same position which Socrates declared the philosopher in a democracy would always be tempted to take—as seeking refuge behind a hedge or wall, while the tempest of democratic frenzy sweeps by. He has not retired to a monastery, as Mr. Gladstone, under analogous circumstances, once seemed disposed to do. He was simply migrated from an official quarter of the town to a fashionable quarter—from Downing street to Curzon street. Mayfair is not quite a wilderness, and Lord Tankerville's late residence if not an aggregate of hermits' cells. Yet it pleases Lord Beaconsfield to pose in the great world which he loves as a lettered recluse. He dictates a policy to his followers and lieutenants at Westminster; he permits them to meet, as he did last week, in his house; but his interest in political life is, he protests, of a speculative kind. What Lord Beaconsfield calls solitude other persons would call society. His meaning really is, that he is now more disposed than he has ever been to enter only that society which is exactly to his taste. And of this he can get just as much as he chooses to get. There are four gentlemen in London who are ready at any moment to play to Lord Beaconsfield the part which Mr. Christopher Sykes is permanently retained to fill to the Prince of Wales. There is a lady of high title, semi-detached, and possessed of capacities as a hostess for which few persons had given her credit, who is industriously and successfully developing a salon, and who makes it her business to minister to all Lord Beaconsfield's social wants. Never yet, it may safely be said, was any old gentleman drawing on to 80 more petted and caressed. What novelists call well-conceived dinners of seven or eight are the entertainments in which his heart delights, and at which his lips give forth the delicious epigrams—or what do quite as well as epigrams—on the affairs of cabinets and the character of individuals. Lord Beaconsfield can be, when he chooses, the best company in England; and he does choose when the atmosphere is congenial and his neighbors attractive.—*London World.*

MUSIC IN AMERICA.

SUGGESTIONS OF AN EMINENT AUTHORITY.

At present, the musical standard of the American public, taken as a whole, must be pronounced a low one. If we should judge of what has been done in music by the programmes of concerts given in the larger cities, we might rightly claim for this country a high rank in cultivation. Those concerts, however, appeal not to the general public, but to one class only, and that a limited one, as any one who observes the audiences can easily see. This class is growing in numbers as well as in cultivation, but it is far too small to support more than a limited number of concerts, as at present those of the New York and Brooklyn Philharmonic societies.

The general public does not advance in music, partly from want of opportunity, partly from the habits of the people. The average American is so entirely absorbed in his work that when he goes out in the evening he looks for relaxation in some kind of amusement which makes little or no demand upon his intellect, and he has no difficulty in finding it.

As regards general musical culture, the public may be divided into two classes—those who go to the theaters, and those for whom the church is the social center. In both church and theater, the standard of music is a low one. In the church, where first of all sincerity should prevail, and where nothing but healthy food should be given, the music is looked upon as an attraction and given as an amusement. It is largely operatic, it appeals to the senses only, and is too often of the sickly sentimental order. In those churches only which have congregational singing is the sense of what is suitable and decorous not offended. In this criticism I do not include some of the Roman churches. The priest estimates at its full value the power of music over the masses, and co-operates with the organist to produce a good musical service. Why cannot this be done in the Protestant churches?

Pleasing music need not be trifling or sentimental; there are many beautiful works, not suited for the concert-room, which are intended for devotional use. But the greater part of the church music is a sort of patchwork—a little piece from this composer another piece from that, put together by an amateur. A higher aim ought to be set, if not in the first place because of the art itself (though why this is not a praiseworthy purpose I do not see), at least for the sake of truth and propriety. The most exalted and artistic church service is the most proper one. The music which will inspire those feelings which ought to fill the soul of every worshiper is nobly, good music—not sentimental, not secular, but lofty and devotional. That this low standard of church music exists is not owing to the want of competent organists, for we have many of ability, but rather to the fact that they are hampered in their attempts to introduce better music by the solo singers, as well as by the want of interest on the part of the minister, and, in many cases, by the desire of the business committee to "draw" and please the congregation. Recent years have also given us composers of undoubted merit.—*Theodore Thomas in Scribner's.*

WINNING A HUSBAND

FROM THE WINE SHOP BY GOOD FOOD.

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NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS.

LACONIA.

One of the greatest fires visited this town on Saturday morning at 5:45. Fire was discovered in the upper story of the machine shop of the Laconia Car Company and the alarm was sounded, the department responding promptly, but the fire had got under good headway and the entire wooden premises of ruins in less than an hour and forty minutes. The fire departments of Laconia and Lake Village did their work bravely, and are entitled to the credit of saving Holt's mill and perhaps the whole business part of the town. The fire is supposed to have caught from a hot box or bearing on the main shaft. It is the duty of the watchman to wind his watch once an hour and his last hour was at 5 a. m. Mr. Miron Merrill, the watchman, was building the fire in the office at 5:45 and looking out saw the light of the fire through the window. He immediately blew the whistle and tried the force pump but it was frozen. Ed F. Stevens was making bolts, so of course the shaft ran all night. The disaster throws 175 men out of employment and 135 of them are married. The White Mountain Freezer Company had their building destroyed. The loss to the Laconia Car Company was $75,000; insured for $42,000, but the passenger trade were for bureaus so they only get $9,000. The total loss of the fire is about $100,000. Hon. John C. Moulton with his usual enterprise, has A. L. Daris, the architect, drawing a plan for the new shop. The bricks are ordered, the lumber is being sawed and by the 1st of May the new shop will be running and work will be pushed on as usual. The men volunteered to give one week's work and the citizens subscribed liberally for money and work. The carpenters lose heavily by the destruction of their tools.

Members of Star of Hope Division No. 47, S. of T., met at the Methodist church and from there th J. G. Field's house and gave a surprise party.

The Fire Department Ball was the finest thing of the season. There were 203 couple in the grand march. Music was furnished by the Cadet Band of Boston, J. Thomas Baldwin, prompter. The costumes were splendid.

W. A. C.

BRIDGEWATER.

Mrs. Isaac Tilton died last week of pneumonia and was buried Thursday. Her age was about 67. The family seem to be afflicted with a great deal of sickness this winter. Hiram Tilton has just recovered from a fever. Mrs. Tilton is down with pleurisy fever and two of their children, Alice and Frankie are not well.

Frank P. Morrill is sick with measles at New Hampton.

The Lakeview House will probably pass into the hands of a new proprietor the coming season. That it will pay for the object for which it was built, if the right parties manage it, there can be no doubt, judging from the last years' experience. H. W.

Mrs. Samuel Dalton is very sick with softening of the brain. She has taken no nourishment of any amount for nine days and her condition is very critical.

Lyceum met and discussed the following question: Resolved, That circumstances have more to do with our property than brains Disputants, A. B Dalton, F. A. Upham, affirmative; D. Batchelder, V. Dalton, negative. Declamation by Sherman Fletcher. Programme for next week: question, declamations, dialogues, etc, and the *Evening Star* by its editor, F. A. Upham. Adjourned to meet in one week. F. A.

ASHLAND.

Measles are quite numerous in this vicinity. Mrs. B. B Worthen is afflicted with a very sore throat, and so is Frank Flanders also. George B. Goodou, who came home sick from Boston with diphtheria has recovered so as to be out.

Mr. E. Hodge, shoemaker has purchased the photograph saloon owned by C. F Bracy recently and remodeled it into a shoe shop.

Mr. Tebbetts, harness maker, has opened a shop in the building formerly occupied by E Hodge.

Mr. John B. Carr has purchased the milk route formerly owned by Orrin Clough, deceased.

There was a dance at the Town Hall Monday evening. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was larger than could be expected.

Real estate has commenced to change hands somewhat, James B Hughes has purchased the John A. Smith place near the depot. O.

HOLDERNESS.

A CARD OF THANKS.—We desire to return our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and kind neighbors, who have so kindly assisted us in this our sad hour of bereavement, and while we mourn the great loss of our dear companion and parent, and as we are reminded that what may be our loss, we firmly trust is her eternal gain, for it is said, "In my Father's house are many mansions; I go to prepare a place for you." We hope and trust that as our friends have tendered unto us temporal goods that they may receive, not only of earthly blessings, but of the spiritual bestowed by the giver of every good and perfect gift from the realms of the great beyond.

EDWARD B. LOWD.
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WEST RUMNEY.

J. Roberts has sold his place in our village to Monroe Merrill for $1,150.

Mrs. J. Colburn is slowly recovering from her sickness.

We have one more street lamp thanks to Mrs. Quincy.

The drama played Thursday evening, the 3rd, was well attended.

Jo n Merrill of Dorchester, had his barn burned last Sunday. S.

CAMPTON.

A three-years-old daughter of Daniel M Sanborn, of West Campton received a severe injury upon her head by falling from a bed a few days ago.

Freeman Avery, of the same place died of pleurisy last week after a brief sickness, at the age of about 62 years. He leaves a wife and two sons, the oldest living upon a farm by himself. His father, Jacob Avery survives him at the age of nearly 90 years and lives upon his old homestead with his son, Lyman Avery.

The personal property belonging to the estate of the late Luther Osgood was appraised last week Friday under the direction of Daniel H. Currier, Esq., of Plymouth, administrator. Plummer Fox, of Plymouth and Nicholas Brown and Christopher H. Marsh, of this town were the appraisers.

George W. Wyatt, who died in Somerville, Mass., a few days since was a native of this town and a worthy man. He was one of 12 persons who united with the Congregational church in this town March 1, 1835, under the pastorate of the late Rev. Dr. Benjamin P. Stone, of Concord. The names of those who were that day added to said church were George W. Wyatt, Carr Chase, Joanna Huse, (wife of Carr Chase,) Daniel M. Huse, Eliza Dudley, (wife of D. M. Huse,) Sally McAllister, (wife of Calvin Leuce,) Newton Marsh, Lydia H. Butler, (wife of Newton Marsh,) Mary Spencer, (wife of Charles Blaisdell,) Mary Little, Sarah Cook, (wife of Wm. Burbank,) Samuel Hopkins Willey. Of these 12 persons five only are now living, viz: the widow of Calvin Leuce, the widow of Newton Marsh, the widow of Charles Blaisdell, the wife of William Burbank and Rev. S. Hopkins Willey Mrs. Leuce and Mrs. Marsh reside in Campton, Mrs. Bubrank in Bristol, N. H., Mrs. Blaisdell, in Auburn, N. H., Rev. S. H. Willey in Santa Cruz, Cal., where he has been upwards of 30 years. It is due to the memory of Mr. Wyatt, the subject of this sketch to say that as far as has known to the writer he has ever been a christian gentleman and worker. The church and society of this town which he loved so well will ever hold his memory to grateful remembrance; all the more from the fact of that at the rebuilding of their meeting house where it now stands, Mr. Wyatt presented them with the new chandelier, pulpit lamps and the lamps for the orchestra; really valuable memorials of Wyatt's first wife who was also a Campton lady, a sister of Thomas and Charles W. Pulsifer. He remarried and leaves a widow, a lady of Massachusetts with whom the JOURNAL correspondent is unacquainted Thomas Pulsifer, Esq. attended the funeral in Somerville.

George Smith, of East Campton was thrown from his sleigh on Sunday afternoon last and received a fracture of the bone of his leg between the knee and hip joints. Dr. Lance, of Campton Village was called who set the broken bone and at this writing, Wednesday, a. m., the patient is reported as doing well.

The horse of Capt. Samuel H. Dow, of East Campton, driven by his son, Walter H., to Plymouth on Wednesday and hitched at the meat market broke away and ran around the streets badly damaging itself and the sleigh. Cause, frightened by a dog running by.

ERRATA. School meeting, district No. 2, on Friday, March 11th, instead of the 10th, as printed last week in the JOURNAL. W.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. S. D. Kinsman Wednesday evening, and although the traveling was very poor there was a good number out and the verdict rendered was a very pleasant time.

Last week we had one of Vennor's Canadian thaws; a snow storm accompanied by a gale of wind and the mercury 12 below zero. But this week we have had a genuine Yankee thaw, a rain storm with warm south winds and a smart thunder shower which has settled the snow.

Republican caucus at the Town House Monday, March 7th, at 2, p. m. VILL.

I would beg leave to say I have had the honor to receive a letter from Rev. J. B. Breed, requesting me to thank all those who have demonstrated their friendship for him, and it occurred to me that I might best comply with his request through the columns of the CAMPTON COUNTY JOURNAL, which is so justly celebrated for its local news. The large amount subscribed for Rev. Mr. Breed is well known and in speaking of his friends he writes as follows: "Please return to them my sincere and hearty thanks for this demonstration of their friendship towards me. I feel that our Heavenly Father will bless them for it. Although many of them do not profess to be christians, yet they have shown a christian spirit, one that should be appreciated as having the prosperity and best spiritual welfare of the church in view." Rev. Mr. Breed is well known as one of the most able pulpit orators in the length and breadth of the land. The eloquent appeals, vivid descriptions, and touching pathos in his sermons are remembered here to this day, and their good influence is marching onward. Therefore the debt can all be paid back. Permit me to suggest that a minister who has spent the best part of his life in Christ's service is entitled to some sympathy from a christian community in advanced age and in the hour of adversity.

J. W. MORRISON.

Permit me to say a few words through the columns of your popular paper respecting my recent brief sojourn in your adjacent and enterprising town of Campton. It was my privilege to spend Sunday Feb. 18th and part of the days preceding and following at Campton Village. Enjoyed public worship with the Baptist church and society which is an active influential christian body. Many are now in sympathetic sadness occasioned by the startling figure which has overtaken their late beloved pastor in the death of his efficient, faithful wife. It was my privilege to share in the hearty hospitality of one whose house and home antedates the present century. Setting by his cheerful fireside he told us of the construction of the house and also related many traditional reminiscences remote in their occurrence more than a hundred years. Here were cradled those who have distinguished themselves as men of no ordinary ability. The heirlooms of this antiquarian homestead to the present occupants are the sacred treasures of revered ancestors. Long may it stand unmarred by the hand of modern architecture, long may the present occupants live to enjoy its hallowed remembrances, to welcome to its shelter and its comforts the stranger as well as the known friend. Much might be said of the famous Willey family. I have but briefly hinted. O. W. KIMBALL.

WARREN.

There was a praise meeting at the church last Sabbath afternoon.

The Ladies' Library Association held another mite meeting at the Town Hall last Tuesday evening. They gave an excellent entertainment, the programme consisting of a very amusing dialogue, well rendered, with several songs, recitations and tableaux. The proceeds amounted to about $14.00. A.

FINE FURNITURE. Cashmere, silk and worsted goods are maintaining a large sale for furniture coverings, at Paine's on Friend and Canal streets.—*Boston Journal.*

THORNTON.

MRS. LAURA E. PATTEE, daughter of J. W. Campbell, Esq., has a scarlet geranium which has been in blossom continually for 18 months, having as many as 40 buds and blossoms this winter.

MRS. Albura H. Randall has a calla lily 46 inches tall, which measures around the stalk, 6 1-8 inches.

The Christian church at Thornton was formed Dec 31, 1871. C. R. Emmons was chosen one of the deacons and has never missed communion a sabbath until Dec. 5, 1880, a period of 8 years and 11 months, and but two monthly conferences for the same time. E.

So many inquiries are made for "the in auing" of the stanza I cited from Catullus, that I feel called upon to comply. The mere meaning of the words is a trifle, but to transfluse the subtle delicacy of such a poet, where every word has the lustre of a diamond's facets, is a crucial test of one's flexibility in language. However, the following is something like what is intended:—

"Thou com'st, nor hast thou long delayed;
May Venus then propitious prove!
For now to every eye betrayed
Stands the known object of thy love;
Nor, as the gathering rumors fly,
Dost thou the honest flame deny."

I shall not try to improve on that.

I have been sharply taken to task about the Mr. Breed matter. I can have no possible controversy with "St. Elmo," but am particularly gratified to find my views amply substantiated from numerous and the most reliable sources. I am now in position to challenge "St. Elmo" to substantiate his assertion that Mr. Breed demanded a five years guaranty, as a prerequisite to returning to Campton Village. "Saints" should be careful of their statements, as their objection to "house-top religion" does not go for much in these times.

Our aged and worthy neighbor, Mrs. Henry F. Durgin, still lingers on the verge of life here and "beyond the river"

Mr. Alvah Morrison has taken permanent possession of the estate, and personal care of our neighbor Benjamin Morrison. We had hoped to retain Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore in our social circles.

"The Triumph of Prometheus" is now revised and finished, and a proposition is on foot for a re-reading in Plymouth in its perfected form. Alvin Burleigh, Esq., has kindly consented to promote its interests. MIRON.

ORFORD.

The school in the Union district of Piermont and Orford, taught by Charles W. Marston of Warren, closed Feb. 18, after a successful term of twelve weeks. The school was highly enjoyed by both teacher and pupils. No difficulties arose in the government of the school; the scholars acquiesced in the decrees of the teacher and seemed to believe that his requests were made only for their success in their efforts to climb the Hill of Science. They respected themselves and when a scholar respects himself he will do no unmannerly thing; for boys are men in miniature, as the boy so the man —a good boy promises to be a good man. There are five names upon the Roll of Honor, as follows; Martha T. Savage, Nellie E. Lawrence, George L. Clough, Albert H Clough and Eddie Morse. Some others might have been a cessarily detained at home, who would have been just as glad to have had no deficient marks. How much of all our success was due to the good and healthful influence of the four young ladies in our school we cannot say; but we can say that they were ladies in their conduct and conformity to the rules of school, and for this will they please accept our sincere thanks. We also tender our thanks, no less sincere, to all the scholars for their self respect during the twelve weeks of school, and may it be the pride and ambition of this school to always sustain its present reputation. The exhibition passed off finely, and was a marked success for scholars who had had so little experience in public speaking. The salutatory and valedictories were finely given, also the declamations and recitations on the part of the boys gave promises of men who may yet grace the Halls of Congress. The dialogues were as entertaining as we could make them with their limited experience; they were well performed, each one doing their part finely. Many thanks to those not connected with the school as pupils, who aided us in the entertainment. And also many hearty and sincere thanks to the parents for their harmonious action in the government of the school, the interest taken in the studies of their children, and the encouragement generally given, and may the children abundantly reward their parents for their toil, anxiety and labor of love. We cannot close without expressing a hope that the lessons of the past winter may have a healthful and salutary influence, may help to form the character of those who may soon go out from home to often feel a sense of loneliness, of coldness, of want of tenderness, to battle with life for themselves; and when we have all finished our labors on earth, may the labors here be so received from the Father, that he will say to us all "come up higher." A FRIEND TO SCHOOLS.

WOODSTOCK.

Chandler Parker lost a valuable horse in town recently.

Morrill Smith is a great sufferer with a cancer on his face. It is past cure, they say.

Fine weather now; sap runs; new sugar will be in market soon. March has a thunder shower and plenty of rain; a heavy thaw. CORRESPONDENT.

A valuable horse belonging to Mr. Chandler Parker of Sugar Hill, died at the residence of A. B. Sawyer, one day last week.

Rev. Mr. Favor of Bristol, will supply the pulpit of the Baptist church for the coming year.

Rev. D. Connell, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church, is moving into the house on the Green Valley road recently occupied by L. F. Atwood.

A large and very luminous meteor was noticed last Saturday evening at about quarter of nine o'clock. It moved in a serpentine, nearly in an easterly direction, until it almost reached the horizon, when it changed into various colors. It was not seen to burst, neither was any report heard after it had gone down.

Mr Arthur Hunt, who has been at work at Concord, Vt., has returned home.

We hope that measures will soon be taken to reorganize the F. W. Baptist Sabbath school. ALPHEUS.

RUMNEY.

C. D. Greeley had a sow die last Saturday morning, and at night he bought a pig which died Monday morning. The cause is not sufficiently apparent to state.

Samuel Herbert, Esq., and lady are passing the season in Florida They will return in May.

We have another singing school the 15th. R.

Miss Inez E. Guernsey of Lincoln, is here visiting her friends.

We have had another thaw which raises the brooks a little.

Mrs. W. W. Pales is a little better but quite feeble yet.

Mrs G. W. Blake's eyes are slowly gaining. W.

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In Meredith, Feb. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Himes Y. Jones, a son and daughter.

In Meredith, Feb. 27, to Mr. and Mrs Frank J. Wilcomb, a son.

MARRIED.

In Wentworth, Feb. 23, by — Story, Esq., Freeman J. Avery of Holderness, to Miss Ella H. Currier of Warren.

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In Plymouth, at the residence of the bride's father, Feb. 26, by Rev. J H Haines, assisted by Rev. Geo. H. Scott, Jason F Draper and Miss Hattie C. Russell, all of Plymouth.

In Meredith Village, Feb. 26, by Rev. J. Erskine, Mr Geo. W. Bryant of Meredith, and Miss Ella M Carr of Ashland.

In Centre Harbor, Feb. 26, by Rev C. B. Moody, Lewis Pennilman and Hattie Nichols, both of Centre Harbor.

DIED.

In Somerville, Mass., Feb 23, of pneumonia, George W. Wyatt, formerly of Campton, N. H., aged 68 years.

In Campton, Feb 24, of pleurisy, Freeman Avery, aged 64 years.

In Campton, March 1, of typhoid fever, Lilla, wife of George Elliott, aged 19 years She had been married but a few months.

In Meredith, March 3, Augusta, wife of Charles Bickford, aged 70 years.

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C. W. MARTINDALE.
Witness—MARIE J. DYER.
JANE LUEY.
Lowell, Mass., Feb. 11, 1881.

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The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Martha W. Hodgdon, late of Ashland, in the county of Grafton, deceased, intestate

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

MEREDITH MATTERS.

Town meeting next Tuesday.

J. P. Smith has lost a hog and six pigs.

Morrill Smith has bought Dr. Perley's timber land.

The G. A. R. will soon repeat its entertainment.

Over a dozen freight trains pass through here daily.

A. S. Clough has eight full blooded pups about a month old for sale.

J. M. Cate has a 14 1-4 pound light Brahma hen.

Don't forget the town meeting dinner, at the Free Will Baptist vestry.

The Meredith and Centre Harbor town reports were printed at the *News* office.

Rev Mr. Palmeter will address the young people to-morrow. Subject—"Lot's Choice."

The Oak Hill sociable occurs at Eben Blake's next Wednesday, having been postponed.

Wilson & Shephard's variety entertainment Monday evening was well attended and enjoyed.

The Blue Ribbon club has passed some appropriate resolutions on the death of Mrs. Jane B. Blaisdell.

Mrs. P. D. Blaisdell, recently deceased, was a granddaughter of Dudley Leavitt of almanac fame.

Jurors chosen: Grand, B. C. Tuttle, Alvah Smith. Petit, E. S. Robinson, Daniel S. Burleigh, Geo. L. P. Corliss.

A sectional boiler has been placed in the "Gracie," and she will have two engines, all of which will give good speed.

F. P. Clough, formerly in the jewelry business here, has been in town. He is engaged in similar business in Lynn, Mass.

Democratic caucus at the Town hall this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Republican caucus at the same place this evening at 7 o'clock.

The dime show given in G. A. R. hall by the members of that organization Tuesday evening was a perfect success. About $20 was realized.

The enlargement of the *News* to eight pages is received with much favor by its readers. The price is now 75 cents a year; three months, 20 cents.

According to the Littleton *Republic*, Dr. Mason made a stirring temperance address in Bethlehem on his way home from Brunswick Springs.

There is complaint that no provision is made for decorating soldiers' graves next May. It is not too late to insert an article to that effect in the warrant.

George Main, the celebrated florist and seedsman, of No. 3 Merrimack Block, Concord, N. H., should be written to or interviewed by parties wanting first-class floral decorations, etc. marsjeotf

Mrs. Augustus Rollins, mother of Judge Rollins of this place, died at her home in Rollinsford, on Thursday of last week, aged 81 years. She was a native of Barrington and leaves a son and three daughters. She was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bartlett's silver wedding Tuesday evening was attended by about 100 persons who went in D. B. Bean's and Edward Cox's teams, notwithstanding the bad traveling. There was a representation from the I. O. O. F. and about $75. worth of silver ware was given them.

About 10:30 Wednesday night the unoccupied house of Mrs. John Swain, on the "flats," unoccupied since about Jan. 1, was seen to be on fire by the watchman at Hodgson's mill. The fire department hastened thither, but were too late. The building one story high was not worth much and was uninsured. A few goods belonging to the boys were destroyed. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary.

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Butter, lb.,	20	25	Wood, cord,	3 00	5 00
Beef, lb.,	4	12	Tallow, lb.,	3	
Cheese lb.,	12	18	Maple Sugar, lb.,	8	11
Chickens, lb.,	10	12	Hay, ton,		14 00
Eggs, doz.,		20	Corn, bu		70
Lard lb.,	10	12	Oats, bu.,		50
Potatoes, bu.,	50	60	Flour, bbl.,	5 50	9 50
Pork, lb.,		7	Corn meal,	100 lbs	1 40
Hides, lb.,		7	Pork, salt,	8	12
Calfskins, each,	40	60	Molasses,	40	75
Sheepskins, "	40	80	Vinegar.		25
Honey, lb.,	20	25	Wool, wash. lb.,		40
Tobacco, lb.,	40	1 00	Sugar, lb.,	8	13
Prints, yd.,	6	10	Cider, bbl.,	1 50	4 00
Cot. Cloth, yd.,	5	15	Kerosene, gal.,	17	30
Sanding,	12	20	Tea, lb.,	25	75
Shorts, 100 lbs.,	1 40		Coffee, Rio, lb.,	17	25
Flannel, yd.,	20	90	" Java, lb.,	30	35
Straw, 100 lbs.,		35	Mutton,	4	6
Rye, bu.,		85	Raisins,	10	25
Pollock,		4	Ducks,	0	50
Fresh Cod,	3	7	Turkeys, lb.,	20	25
Hams, smoked,	12	14	Maple syrup,	1	1 00
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FAMILY EXPERIENCE

IN THE OPENING OF A BOX OF SARDINES.

"Look here, my dear," said Mr. Spoopendyke, tossing over the laces and ribbons in his wife's bureau drawer, "what's become of the can-opener? I don't see it anywhere."

"What do you want of it?" asked Mrs. Spoopendyke, fluttering up to protect her trinkets, and trying to gain a little time.

"I want to open some sardines with it," returned Mr. Spoopendyke, abandoning the drawer and hunting through the work-basket. "Think I want to comb my hair with it? Imagine I wanted to write a letter with it? Well, I don't. I want some sardines. What have you done with it?"

"You might take your big knife," recommended Mrs. Spoopendyke. "The large blade is just the thing for that."

Mr. Spoopendyke seized the knife and bored away at one corner of the box, while his wife looked on with considerable distress.

"Hadn't you better put a paper under the box? You'll get the oil all over the table cloth," suggested Mrs. Spoopendyke.

"No, I won't either," said Mr. Spoopendyke, as the knife plunged through and the oil spattered. "Serve you right if I did," he continued, plowing away at the tin, while the grease flew in all directions. "It would teach you to put the can-opener where you could find it. What kind of housekeeping do you call this, anyhow?" he yelled, as the blade slipped out and closed up on his fingers.

"Did you hurt yourself, dear?" asked Mrs. Spoopendyke anxiously.

"No, I didn't hurt myself," grinned Mr. Spoopendyke. "The knife struck the bone, or I would have been dead with agony an hour ago. Give me some ether!" he howled. "Fetch me some chloroform! S'pose I'm going to saw at this box any more without an anæsthetic? Got an idea I'm going to chip off a couple dozen fingers without something to deaden pain? Where's the laughing gas? Give me some laughing gas while I extract these measley old fish," and Mr. Spoopendyke pranced around the room, and then jabbed the knife into the box again and ripped away as though he was run by steam.

"No use to hide away from me!" he yelled, hacking away at the box with all his might. "I know you're in there, and there can't be any sardine that ever was built get away from me. Come out, I tell ye!" and he seized a fish by the tail and slung him across the room. "You're transacting business with Spoopendyke, now!" and he clawed out a handful of mashed sardines and slapped them down on a plate.

"Won't you spoil 'em, dear?" asked Mrs. Spoopendyke, dodging the flying heads and tails. "They won't be very good if you open 'em that way."

"Oh, won't they?" howled Mr. Spoopendyke. "If you don't like 'em that way, what'd you ask for them for? Maybe you want me to take 'em out in a baby carriage. P'raps you've got an idea I ought to climb under 'em and lift 'em out. Maybe you want me to get into that box with a boat and take 'em out with a seine. Well, I won't, I tell ye. Give me the tongs. I want that fish at the bottom. Where's the tongs? Gone to get married to the can-opener, haven't they?" and Mr. Spoopendyke grabbed another fish and fired him into the grate.

"Be patient, my dear," said Mrs. Spoopendyke, soothingly. "Make the opening a little wider and they'll come out."

"Ain't I patient?" shouted Mr. Spoopendyke. "P'raps you want me to sing to 'em, 'I wish I was an angel, and with the—', dod gast the fish! Come out of that!" and with a wrench Mr. Spoopendyke hauled off the top and disclosed the mangled remains of his enemies. "Now give me a lemon," and he eyed the repast with anything but contentment. "Stir around and get me a lemon, quick, now."

"Upon my word, my dear, I don't believe there's a lemon in the house," stammered Mrs. Spoopendyke; "I had one."

"Oh, you had one!" proclaimed Mr. Spoopendyke, "only you're just out. If you'd been brought up right you'd only need an awning and a family on the top floor to be a grocery shop! S'pose I'm going to eat these sardines raw? Think I'm going to swallow these fish alive? Gimme something to put on 'em, will ye?"

"What would you like, my dear?" queried Mrs. Spoopendyke.

"Ink, dod gast it! Fetch me some measley ink! Can't ye nails? Can't ye find some laudanum somewhere?" and Mr. Spoopendyke projected himself into the closet and pranced out with a bottle of arnica. "There," he howled, as he dashed the contents over the sardines, "there's your fish all ready you, and the next time you want me to open the things, you have a lemon, will ye? Find a can-opener, won't ye?" and Mr. Spoopendyke flopped into his easy chair and picked up the paper.

"Don't you want some of the fish," asked Mrs. Spoopendyke, after a long pause.

"No, I don't," growled Mr. Spoopendyke.

"But this is a fresh box," said Mrs. Spoopendyke, displaying the sardines in neat layers.

"How'd you get it open?" demanded Mr. Spoopendyke.

"With the can-opener," replied his wife, "I found it in your tool-box, where you put it to sharpen it."

"Maybe I put the lemon in there to sharpen that too," grunted Mr. Spoopendyke, pegging away at the box and looking up with his mouth full, but recognizing the taste of vinegar he made some remarks about some people only needing a handle and a cork to be a fortunatus jug, and having finished the lot he demanded why his wife hadn't asked for 'em if she wanted some, and went to bed with some incoherent observations on the absurdity of folks sitting around like martyrs with fish within reach.

A CLOCK OF BREAD.

Milan has a curiosity in a clock which is made entirely of bread. The maker is a laborer, a native of India, and has devoted three years of his time to the construction of this curiosity. He was very poor, and being without means to purchase the necessary metal, deprived himself regularly of his daily bread, which he devoted to the construction of this curiosity, eating the crust and saving the soft part for doing his work. He made use of certain salt to solidify his material, and when the various pieces were dry, they were perfectly hard and insoluble to water. The clock is of respectable size, and goes well. The case, which is also of hardened bread, displays great talent in design and execution.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

Maine.

Bar Harbor is making extensive preparations for the coming summer, and the West End hotel is being much enlarged. Mr. Seeys of Boston has paid $30,000 for a building lot, and Mr. Musgrove and Mr. Coon each $10,000 for lots.

The India-street Universalist church of Portland will probably be sold on a debt of $17,000.

The fish commissioners have labeled with light metal tags several hundred salmon, which have been turned loose in the Penobscot river. Each fish is numbered and recorded, and those who catch them are requested to forward to the commissioners either the fish or particulars about them, and a record will be kept of these returns, which is expected to increase considerably the information in regard to these fish.

The investigation of the insane asylum reveals among all the witnesses a unanimity of opinion in regard to the abuses practiced. "Churning," or kicking and pounding a patient, was common, and in many matters essential to the comfort of the inmates there was inefficiency and neglect.

The census of manufactures in Portland shows 306 establishments, grouped in 93 branches of industry, producing a value of $500 or more a year. The largest amount of capital, $700,000, is invested in canned goods, the value of whose yearly product is $1,050,000, and the next greatest amount is in foundries and metal works, with a yearly production of $713,616, while sugar refining, with but $450,000 capital, has an annual production valued at $1,591,362

There were 56 divorces in Androscoggin county last year and 650 marriages, or one divorce to less than 12 marriages.

Eastport fears a crash in its "sardine" business. The value of last year's products was about $700,000, and if all who now intended to go into the business next season do so, the value of the production, at present rates, will be over $2,500,600.

New Hampshire.

Freight is being shipped over the Northern railroad as it was before the recent unpleasantness with the Vermont Central, and the trains have resumed their old proportions.

A mining company has been formed in North Conway to dig for the silver which is reported to be found in paying quantities near the Glen Ellis fall.

There is an astonishing increase of enthusiasm in military matters throughout the state, as is shown by the fact that though the state only allows 30 companies, and these are already filled up, there are 20 applications for new companies.

Ex-Gov. Prescott, who is now in the South, has secured for Dartmouth college in New Orleans a portrait of Gen. Ripley who was a grandson of Rev. Eleazer Wheelock, the founder of the college, and graduated in 1800. Gen. Ripley distinguished himself in the war of 1812, and his portrait represents him in his military costume.

The suits of Mrs. Ella F. Bowers and Clara E. Gould against ex-Warden Pillsbury of the state-prison have been settled by the payment of $150 to each. They were prisoners whom the warden had stripped and whipped by the matron.

Vermont.

The Congregational church of Middlebury have called Rev. H. B. Putnam of Charlotte.—Horace D. James has been installed as pastor of the Congregational church at Corinth.

Moses Shepard of Greensboro has been fatally injured by a horse falling on him.

The centennial of the organization of Rutland county comes March 4, and is to be celebrated by the county historical society with appropriate public exercises, addresses, poems, papers, etc.

The auction sale of the ruined First national bank's furniture and fixtures at Brattleboro recently, was well attended. These articles generally sold for their full value and in some cases more, owing to a disposition on the part of some of the purchasers to obtain some little relic of the defunct institution. For instance, Waite's private desk sold for $12, possibly worth as much, while other much used and dilapidated furniture sold proportionally high.

The trouble caused by the action of the last general convention of the Methodists in detaching a portion of the Methodist churches of the state from the Troy and adding them to the Vermont conference, culminated last week in a meeting of the dissatisfied churches in Rutland.

Massachusetts.

Subscriptions to the amount of $200,000 have already been secured for the improvement of Revere beach, with trotting park, etc.

Mrs. Freeman of Martha's Vineyard, one of the two last survivors of the Deep Bottom tribe of Indians, has petitioned the Legislature for leave to fish in Pisbury Grant pond, which has always been the right of her family, but which the fish commissioners have prohibited.

W. J. Stillman's expedition to Crete, under the auspices of the Boston archæological society, for the purpose of excavating in the most ancient Grecian ruins, has failed completely, the Greeks and Turks having absolutely refused permission to dig.

Resolutions have been introduced in the Boston common council in regard to the troubles in Ireland, declaring "that it is the duty and the interest of all constitutionally governed nations to cultivate the most intimate relations with each other, and that the friendly offices of any power may be properly used in any efforts to correct evident and tyrannical abuses continued by a neighboring power," and requesting the representatives of the two Boston districts in Congress to do all they can to push the matter.

Frank E. Jenkins of the Hartford theological seminary has accepted a call from the Charlton Congregational church.

Real estate in Boston is still tending upward, and one case is reported where a man was offered $35,000 for a house in the vicinity of Trinity church, which was held at $19,000 when he bought an equity in it for $500.

There are now 14 branches of the Irish land league in Boston, with a membership of over 2000, and in the state about 190 branches, with about 22,000 members.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Franklin beet sugar company was held last week, at which it was shown that the property so far has cost $131,000, and has a mortgage of $40,000. The opinion seemed to be that sugar could be made from beets successfully, and it was unanimously voted to lease the mills for a term of three to five years to responsible parties.

Rhode Island.

The case of William Beach Lawrence of Newport, the well-known international lawyer, against Richard M. Staigg of Boston, an artist, growing out of real estate operations in Newport, has been virtually decided in favor of the defendant. It has been before the courts nearly 20 years, has cost both parties an immense sum of money, and Mr. Lawrence has written several volumes in regard to the case.

George H. Norman of Newport will place an elaborate and costly memorial window in the Channing memorial church, in honor to the late Rufus B. Kinsley, his father-in-law.

The city council of Newport has accepted the contract with George H. Norman for a supply of water, on which a popular vote was taken recently.

Newport was strangely favored recently, some 1500 bushels of clams being washed ashore by a storm, affording occupation for a good part of the population, who were careful to make hay while the sun shone.

S. B. Chase of Providence, offers $100 to any one who will prove that the pay of mariners or weavers in co-operations making prize cloths in Lowell is greater than that paid in the former city.

Minnie Arnold, a Providence mill girl died recently from self-administered poison. She had become infatuated with a married man and tried to kill him.

Connecticut.

The New Haven Irishmen will have a parade St. Patrick's day, and a lecture in the evening, the proceeds to be devoted to the land league.

The Consolidated railroad has recently paid out $9500 for land in New London, and a new depot is talked of by the people.

The amount of mail matter taken from Hartford for the 30 days during which it has been weighed, was 195 tons.

The Winchester armory of New Haven has received an order from the Turkish government for 50,000,000 cartridges. Work will begin as soon as satisfactory security is given.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

The committee on epidemic diseases in the House has reported favorably the bill authorizing a commission of three experts to inquire into the adulteration of food in the United States.

In the Senate, a resolution was agreed to, instructing the judiciary committee to inquire into the best method of protecting innocent purchasers from impositions practiced by fraudulent venders of patents and patent rights, and report by bill or otherwise.

The 3 per cent. 5.90 bond is the refunding measure which the Senate approves.

The National anti-Monopoly League, organized in New York in consequence of recent consolidation and aggregations, is organizing branches everywhere throughout the country.

The recent speech of Frank Hurd is said to embody the principal planks of the first platform of the new party trade party, which that gentleman is endeavoring to form.

Secretary Sherman says a three per cent. bond will fail.

Gen. Sherman has concluded to modify his order as chief marshal of the inaugural ceremonies, so that all classes of organizations, including the "boys in blue," the Grand Army of the Republic, etc., will be placed in the first division under command of Gen. Ayre. The second division will be composed of the Pennsylvania troops exclusively, and will be massed east of the capitol.

The Senate passed a resolution granting to the estate of Judge Henry W. Spofford, cont-stant of the seat of Mr. Kellogg of Louisiana, a sum equal to a senatorial salary from March 4, 1877, to Aug. 30, 1880.

A preliminary report upon the silk manufactures of the United States has been issued by the census office, which shows that the total value of the finished goods for the year ending June 30, 1880, was $34,410,873; number of factories, 383; amount of capital (real and personal) invested, $18,899,500; looms, 8467. The greatest number of hands employed at any one time during the year was 34,440, and the total amount paid in wages, $9,107,835.

Robert Ould resigns as president of the Yorktown centennial association, and Congressman John Goode of Virginia takes his place. Books for subscriptions are to be opened at once in the colonial states.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN.

It is proposed that the part of the Transvaal to which the Boers have a fair claim be declared independent, and the remaining and larger part continue to be governed by the British administration, and that a British resident be appointed at the capital of the Boers.

Thousands of cattle are reported killed by the recent severe winter on the plains, and over 500 dead cattle were recently counted in sight of the railway from Ogallala to Big Springs, Neb., a distance of 19 miles.

The land league has resolved to hold over 100 meetings in leading centers of England and Scotland within the next three months to enlist the sympathy of the democracy in the cause of Ireland.

President Gonzales of Mexico has made a grant of 1500 leagues of land in Lower California to Colonize Indian families, many of whom are understood to be ready to move into the country from the eastern and western states and territories.

The village of Breviers, Department of Savoy, has been destroyed by two avalanches. Fifteen persons were killed.

The St. Louis elevators are busy loading barges with wheat and corn for foreign shipment via New Orleans. From three to four hundred thousand bushels will be sent out early this week, and more will follow.

In the northwest territory the thermometer in the early part of this month registered 48° below zero. A Roman Catholic missionary laboring in this vicinity was frozen to death.

Seven American prisoners in jail at Paso del Norte, Mex., made an attempt to escape lately by shooting a guard in the head and running toward the American line, but were overtaken by the guard, who fired upon them. The prisoners, being armed, returned the fire. Three prisoners were killed and the others surrendered. Two of the guard were seriously injured.

A synagogue near Neustettin, in Pomerania, has been burned. An anti-Jewish meeting was held in the place shortly before the fire broke out.

Body-snatching is carried on extensively in the graveyards around Montreal. The police found the stolen body of a woman in the Bishop's college dissecting rooms recently.

The losses of the principal western railways by the recent snow blockades will more than cover their net earnings for January and February, it is said.

The grand jury at Darlington, S. C., found a true bill against Col. Cash for the murder of Col. Shannon in a duel.

Small-pox has broken out in a dozen families at Charlesbourg, four miles north of Quebec. It has also appeared at St. Alexis de Grand Baie, midway between Murray bay and Lake St. John.

Several holders of Keely motor stock visited the workshop of the inventor in Philadelphia, recently, and expressed themselves greatly pleased with the progress being made.

Accounts from Sligo county, Ireland, represent that many farmers who lately refused to pay rent higher than Griffith's valuation, are now hastening to pay their rents on the landlords' terms.

The piano lockout in New York terminated a few days ago, the men going to work at the old wages, not at the reduction proposed by the manufacturers.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

Berlin has 3230 sets of apartments without a fireplace or chimney, and half the population live in dwellings with only one fireplace. Privy Councilor Starke draws shocking pictures of the immorality that exists in the city. Drunkenness is attaining alarming proportions. Over 10,000 youthful criminals are turned annually into the streets out of prison, and more than 3000 are hopeless vagabonds.

A movement was started in London which is worthy of imitation. A music hall company has been formed, to furnish to all who care to attend, a concert hall entertainment without the vicious accessories of drink and debauchery. London is full of music halls of the other sort, all of which are well patronized. In the new music hall an excellent entertainment is given, and the use of coffee and tobacco is allowed. Thordberry, the lightning cartoonist, shows his skill, the Berrisor troupe of Roman gladiators, Howard Paul, and negro minstrels help to fill out the merry evening to the patrons of this new entertainment. Man is an animal who will be amused, and if religious people wish to save the body of the community from evil associations, they could not do better than invest their spare means in concert halls such as is sketched above.—*Demorest.*

The 10th anniversary exercises of the Massachusetts total abstinence society were held in Tremont Temple, Boston, recently, nearly every seat in the large structure being occupied, and numbers of prominent advocates of temperance having places upon the platform. The proceedings were conducted by His Excellency Gov. Long, and consisting of religious exercises, the delivery of addresses, music, etc., were participated in by Revs. F. M. Ellis, D. D., O. P. Gifford Everett Hale, D. D., and others. Gov. Long delivered a brief and telling address, in which he called attention to the evils of intemperance, and exhorted his hearers, by every proper means within their power, to do away with the same, and he was succeeded by Benj. R. Jewell, secretary of the society, who gave a review of the work which the latter has performed. He stated that, during the last ten years, 170,000 children had been addressed on the subject of temperance in the public schools, and, during the same time, 250,000 persons in both public and Sabbath schools. Of this number, 120,000 had taken the pledge, and he remarked in this connection, and as a curious fact, that, of the children thus signing, a majority are of foreign parentage. There had been, during the 10 years, 14,444 public addresses made and 6,250,000 tracts distributed. Contributions to the cause had averaged a large sum annually. Rev. Mr. Gifford, after a collection had been taken up and the hymn, "Haste to the Rescue," sung, warmly advocated the principles of the society and of the temperance movement, and he was followed, after an interval devoted to music, by Rev. Dr. Hale, who made the closing address of the occasion.

The voters of Kansas adopted an ultra prohibitory amendment to the state constitution in November, and the state Legislature has now passed a liquor law, pursuant thereto, of the most stringent character. The bill makes it unlawful and punishable for any person to manufacture, sell or barter any intoxicating liquor, except for mechanical, scientific or medicinal purposes. To sell under the exceptions a druggist must obtain a permit from the probate judge running one year, for which he pays $5, accompanied by a certificate of good moral character from 12 reputable citizens. Physicians are required to make affidavit once a year before the probate judge that they will only prescribe liquor when the health of a patient actually requires it, and for violation of these provisions he is subjected to a fine of $100 for the first offense, and fine and imprisonment for subsequent offenses. All liquors or mixtures thereof, by whatever name called, are brought within this meaning of the law, and any one renting, donating or leasing a room in which liquor is sold or disposed of in any form is subject to penalties. Sec. 14 provides that every person who shall in any way assist in the intoxication of any other person shall be compelled to pay for the care and maintenance of such intoxicated person, and an additional sum of $5 per day for every day such person shall be cared for by reason of such intoxication. The relatives or friends of any intoxicated person have a right of action against the individual causing the intoxication, for all damages sustained, as well as for exemplary damages. The giving away of liquor is made punishable, and owners and keepers of club rooms are included in the provisions of the act. Sec. 19 makes it unlawful for any person to get intoxicated, and every person found in a state of intoxication shall be fined $5, or be imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding 10 days. The remaining sections give the manner of prosecuting the violations of the act, and make it the duty of courts to charge grand juries especially concerning this law, and direct them to inquire particularly into all violations of its provisions.

THE PIN MANIA.

A contributor to an English weekly writes: "I was told by an American friend that the ladies of Philadelphia have a perfect mania for collecting pins. It amounts to kleptomania. Calling upon friends with whom they are sufficiently intimate to see in their private rooms, they invariably make a raid on the pin cushions. This is done without thought as they approach the bureau to glance into the looking-glass. The amusing part of it all is, that on kissing good-by at the door, the friend who has been visited, and who is perfectly aware of the peculiarity of her visitor, calmly removes pin after pin from the outer cloak, where the departing guest has placed them, and smilingly sticks them somewhere about her own person."

CHICAGO.

A portion of the report of the workshop inspectors of the health department of Chicago has been made public. From this, it appears that there are 5420 factories in that city, 7411 stores, and 1779 miscellaneous places where persons are employed. The total number employed in these places is 125,125. Of these 107,554 are males, and 17,531 females. There are 6722 boys and 2436 girls under 15 years of age. Among the different avocations, there is the greatest percentage of Americans among printers, binders and publishers, dry goods and notions; of Germans among distillers, brewers and furniture, cigar and tobacco stores; of the Irish among blacksmiths, plumbers, foundries and pork packing establishments. The disease most prevalent among the working class is consumption, from which, during 1880, there were 800 deaths.

BEAUTY.

WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND AND ENJOY IT.

There is nothing that more distinctively marks true progress in education than the increasing breadth of view which is taken of the whole subject. Gradually we are discovering that man needs not merely the knowledge contained in text books, and laid down in the various courses of study, but much that must be gleaned from other resources; that he has not only one set of faculties to be developed, but many; and that true culture includes the careful nurture of every part.

Among the hitherto neglected powers of our nature is the sense or perception of beauty. We all have this in its germ, but few of us ever think it worth our while to cherish and improve it. Yet there is scarcely one of our faculties that is so amply provided for in the external world as this. Beauty pervades the entire universe. Mountains and valleys, forests and meadows, skies and oceans are full of it. The more we explore nature the more we discover of her loveliness. Science is every day revealing new beauty by her discoveries, and every accession of knowledge opens up charms of which we had never dreamed. Only a small portion of creation can minister to the necessities of the body, and that portion can only be made available by toilsome labor; but the sense of beauty has but to awaken to its own need to find the whole universe waiting to pour upon it the richest supplies. In most cases so far from human their possible fulfillment, but in this it is just the reverse. Here it is the inner sense that needs developing to respond to the wealth of beauty that awaits its recognition. It is as if, in an exquisite palace, filled with choicest pictures and statuary, and adorned with everything that taste could suggest to make it attractive, the inhabitants were partially blind, and could barely distinguish one article from another, much less comprehend the loveliness by which they were surrounded. The world is full of beauty that we barely see, or seeing yet fail to understand or to enjoy.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

An Article that Will Make the Bald and Gray Rejoice.

Many of the hair dressings of the day are excellent, but the great mass of the stuffs sold for promoting the growth and bringing back the original color, are mere humbugs, while not a few are pernicious in their effects upon the scalp and hair. The failing power of the hair, the accumulations of dandruff, and the premature change in color are all evidences of a diseased condition of the scalp and the glands which nourish the hair. To arrest these causes the article used must possess medical as well as chemical virtues, and the change must begin under the scalp to be of permanent and lasting benefit. Petroleum oil is the article which is made to work such extraordinary results; but it is after the best refined article has been chemically treated, and completely deodorized, that it is in proper condition for the toilet and receives the name of Carboline. It was in far-off Russia that the effects of petroleum upon the hair were first observed; a government officer having noticed that a partially bald-headed servant of his, when trimming the lamps, had a habit of wiping his oil-besmeared hands in his scanty locks, and the result was in a few months, a much finer head of black, glossy hair than he ever had before. The oil was tried on horses and cattle that had lost their hair from the cattle plague, and the results were marvelous. The manes and tails of horses, which had fallen out, were completely restored in a few weeks. These experiments were heralded to the world, but no one in civilized society could tolerate the use of refined petroleum as a dressing for the hair. But the skill of one of our chemists has overcome the difficulty, and he has succeeded in perfecting Carboline, rendering it as dainty as the famous eau de cologne. Experiments on the human hair and skin were attended with the most astonishing results. A few applications, where the hair was thin and falling, gave remarkable tone and vigor to the scalp and the hair. Every particle of dandruff disappears on the first or second dressing, all cutaneous disease of the skin and scalp are rapidly and permanently healed, and the liquid seems to penetrate to the roots of the hair at once. It is well known that the most beautiful colors are made from petroleum, and by some mysterious operation of nature the use of this article gradually imparts a beautiful light brown color to the hair, which by continued use deepens to black. The color remains permanent, and the change is so gradual that the most intimate friends can scarcely detect its progress. In a word, it is the most wonderful discovery of the age, and well calculated to make the prematurely bald and gray rejoice. Carboline is put up in a neat and attractive manner and sold by all dealers in drugs and medicines. Price one dollar a bottle.

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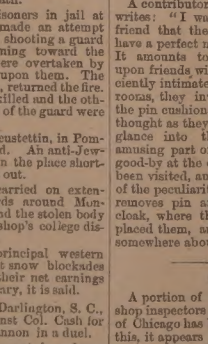

(This engraving represents the Lungs in a healthy state.)

What the Doctors Say!

Dr. FLETCHER of Lexington, Missouri, says: "I recommend your 'Balsam' in preference to any other medicine for coughs and colds."

Dr. A. C. JOHNSON of Mt. Vernon, Ill., writes of some wonderful cures of **Consumption** in his place by the use of "**Allen's Lung Balsam.**"

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[St. Louis Chronicle.]

Trial by Jury.

Some believe that even this form of trial is not perfectly free from prejudice. But in our section, St. Jacobs Oil has been tried by that great jury—the public—and been judged the infallible cure for rheumatism and all painful diseases.

It is all very nice to talk about the hand that rocks the cradle being the hand that rocks the world, but the "rocks" for which the average girl goes now are United States four per cents., and plenty of them.

[Sparta (Wis.) Herald.]

As an exhibition of the intrinsic worth of St. Jacobs Oil, we think the case referred to, that of Mrs. O. W. Hubbard of this town, cured of Sciatic rheumatism of long standing by the Oil, is certainly striking, and beyond all doubt conclusive as to its efficacy. The remedy has our indorsement.

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What is the best family medicine in the world to regulate the bowels, purify the blood, remove costiveness and biliousness, aid digestion and stimulate the whole system?

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VEGETINE

Dr. W. Ross Writes:

Scrofula, Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Rheumatism, Weakness.

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Sept. 18, 1878. Wilton, Iowa.

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W. HIPPEE, M. D., SAYS:

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"Oh, how I do wish my skin was as clear and soft as yours," said a lady to her friend. "You can easily make it so," answered the friend. "How?" inquired the first lady. "By using Hop Bitters, that makes pure rich blood and blooming health. It did it for me, as you observe."

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